

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS29384 / S1321

This legislation changes current code pertaining to assault or battery upon certain personnel. It adds employees of Public Utilities to the list of personnel protected under Idaho Code Chapter 9 § 18-915.

FISCAL NOTE

An exact measure of the fiscal impact of this legislation cannot be reasonably quantified. Currently, there are no mechanisms for gathering data on the number of court cases involving battery specifically against public utility workers. Because this legislation pertains only to the penalty it is not expected to generate additional cases. If the enhanced penalty has the desired deterrent effect, it may result in fewer cases. Certainly, cases will still arise and need to be tried.

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